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In the news today.

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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office, which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS depends on clubs and individuals for news of interest to radio amateurs. Please place your news items on the web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English, but please check any dates and telephone numbers before submitting your news item; the editor has found some grave mistakes in the past.

You are listening to ZS6SRL and the news follows in detail.

SARL AGM

The 2005 Annual General Meeting of the SARL will be held on Saturday, 9th April 2005 at the National Amateur Radio Centre in Johannesburg. The AGM notices and document are available on the SARL website at www.sarl.org.za for those who might not have received the mailed papers. On Saturday morning registration will start at 07:30 with the AGM commencing at 09:00. At 11:00 there will be a tea break and at 11:30 an informal meeting on amateur matters. At 13:00 refreshments will be available.

Tjerk Lammers, ZS6P, the League's Awards Manager wishes to invite you to the Awards braai next to the NARC this coming Friday evening at 19:00, preceding Saturday's AGM. This is not a formal and stiff event and the emphasis is on socialising. Dress is smart casual.

Multisource has donated an ICOM IC-V8, a 2 m handheld transceiver, to be raffled at the prize-giving, and all licensed amateurs present will be included in

the draw. Surely you cannot afford to miss this opportunity, as you could be the winner!

Please book with Vee Antal at the NARC. Tickets are only R65-00 per person and a cash bar will be available.

HAMNET VACANCY

A vacancy exists for one or possibly two Provincial Directors due to the resignation of Roy Martin, ZS6HH Gauteng North, and Sarel Rossouw ZS6APO, Gauteng south, requesting that he be relieved of his responsibilities due to pressure of work.

Due to the high density of population, Gauteng has always had two Directors. One based in the Johannesburg area and one based in Pretoria. The possibility exists that there may be one person who feels he can handle both areas, but failing that, I will welcome applicants to fill both the positions.

My criteria for this position are the following. A person who has been a member of Hamnet for at least 5 years, holds a ZS licence with CW capabilities, possibly retired and who is capable of working a station from home, from a vehicle and from a field station.

For more information, or if you wish to discuss the vacancy with me, please feel free to phone me at 011 679 5260 or 083 585 3847 or you can contact me via e-mail at zs6buu@uskonet.com

MAGALIES RADIO AMATEUR CLUB TAKES SARL-IARU FUND OVER R4000

This week the Magalies Radio Amateur Club collected contributions from their members and then doubled the amount to R440. Contributions were made by: Andre, ZR6MAW, Paul, ZR6NC, Johan, ZR6JPN, Japie, ZR6JN, Nico, ZR6AFJ, George, ZS6NE, Albert, ZR6VON, and Marten, ZS6ZY. Thanks to all contributors. The fund now stands on R4 066. The target is R13 000 which has to be reached by May when the SARL subscription to the IARU is due. Please make your contribution and help to keep the SARL and South Africa Internationally represented. After making a donation please send a copy of the deposit slip to 012 991 5651 by fax, to saardt@intekom.co.za by email or to PO Box 90438, Garsfontein, 0042 by mail. The account number for contributions is ABSA 560 142 722, Menlyn Park, branch code 335 645. Cheques should be made payable to the SA Amateur Radio Development Trust. Full details can be found on www.amateurradio.org.za

A COMPLAINT FROM A ZR ON HF

In what follows below a ZR licensee describes his experience on the HF bands which have recently become available to them: "As a newcomer to HF I have noticed that some operators don't use their call signs often enough and also the callsigns are said so quickly that you cannot make out even the first letter. As I am a person who has to wear two hearing aids it makes it even worse. When

one breaks into a conversation one gets maybe acknowledged but then you are forgotten as a breaker. No sufficient gaps are left between overs. As a beginner on HF I am really enjoying it but I would like to see the operators practicing proper radio etiquette. I also want to encourage other ZR's to come onto HF but they might be scared that ZS's will bite them. Go for it".

The SARL news editor trusts that this was an isolated, unfortunate incident. Let us all remember two items in the Radio Amateur's Code which read: "The radio amateur is CONSIDERATE, never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others. The radio amateur is FRIENDLY, slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance , cooperation and consideration for the interest of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit".

NEXT PRESIDENT'S NET AND INTECNET ON 24 APRIL

The next President's Net and Intecnet will be on the air on 24 April 2005. The evening starts at 19:00 with the President's net and will be followed at 20:00 by the Intecnet. Clive Simpkins, well known motivational speaker and management Guru has been invited to share his expertise on managing a club, motivating committees and enthusing membership.

Clubs are invited to book a link to connect their repeaters by sending details to armi@sarl.org.za. The following information needs to be included: telephone number to be linked (no prepaid phones or cell phones can be connected) and details about their repeaters.

ZS75PTA FLEAMARKET IN PRETORIA

The Pretoria Amateur Radio Club will be hosting its Autumn fleamarket on Wednesday 27 April 2005, which is a public holiday. The fleamarket will be held at the usual place at the South-Campus of the University of Pretoria, at the corner of University and Lynwood roads. The starting time is 09:00.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and visit this Mega Fleamarket in Pretoria. Phone Almero ZR6RY on (H)(012) 567 3722 or 082 908 3359 if you want to book a table or if you need more details about the fleamarket.

EAST RAND RADIO CLUB - UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

8 April: Committee Meeting @ 19:00; 16 April: Club Meeting @ 14:00 at the Clubhouse followed by a social; 21 May: East Rand Radio Club Fox Hunt - 2nd Annual Fox Hunt.

One and all are welcome to join in with our club activities - You do not have to be a club member!

For more information call Johanna Harris, our Secretary, at 011-814-2121 during office hours.

PROPAGATION CONDITIONS

Due to a computer program problem it is unfortunate that we could not obtain any information on this subject. At this time anything exciting cannot be expected but we repeat what Kobus, ZS6KOB, always advises and that is to listen and call DX. One can never tell when something exciting turns up unexpectedly.

DIARY OF EVENTS

07 April - SARL 80 metre QSO Party; 08 April - SARL Awards Dinner; 09 April - SARL AGM; 10 April - SARL Hamnet 40 metre Simulated Emergency Contest; 14 April - closing date for May RAE; 15 April - closing date for part 1 of the 2005 Construction Competition; 14 May - AMSATCON 2005; 19 May - Radio Amateur Examination; 31 May - closing date for part 2 of the 2005 Construction Competition.

The SARL invites you to listen on Sundays at 10:00 to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 810, 7 205, and 7 082 kHz and many 2 m repeaters in different areas. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

Telkom and Sentech sponsor ARMI.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by George, ZS6NE, and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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